

# My Journey Home

## Family Connection

This week your child is reading an informational text titled *Atlantic*, which describes the Atlantic Ocean.



**Fisherman Tag** Play this fun tag game with your child. Decide who will be the fisherman. Say the rhyme: *The fisherman fished in the ocean. The fisherman fished in the sea. The fisherman caught a big fish, but the fisherman didn't catch me.* At the end of the rhyme, the fish run, and the fisherman tries to tag them.



**Vocabulary on the Go** Talk about some different jobs that people in your family or community have. Ask what job your child would like to do. At the top of a piece of paper write: *I will be \_\_\_\_.* Read the words with your child and fill in the blank. Beneath the words, ask your child to draw a picture of this profession.



**Where Is the Atlantic?** Find the Atlantic Ocean on a map or globe. Point out that the ocean is blue, and the land is brown or green. Show your location on the map or globe and discuss how far you are from the Atlantic Ocean.

**CHALLENGE**

Help your child locate all of Earth's oceans.

**Water Science** Which kind of water freezes more quickly—fresh water or salt water? Do this experiment with your child to find out!

## Freezing Salt Water and Fresh Water

### What You Need

- 2 paper or plastic cups
- 2 tablespoons of salt



### Directions

1. Fill both cups half way with water.
2. Stir 2 tablespoons of salt into one cup.  
Label the cups *salt water* and *fresh water*.
3. Place both cups in the freezer. Check them every 30 minutes. Which freezes first?

**Ocean Syllables** Brainstorm with your child some ocean animals such as lobster, dolphin, and octopus. Say each word with your child and clap the number of syllables (e.g., oct-o-pus).



Place your hand beneath your child's chin as they say each word. Your child's chin will touch your hand for each new syllable.



### Book Links

- *Hello Ocean*, by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *How to Hide an Octopus & other sea creatures*, by Ruth Heller **CHALLENGE**



**Internet Challenge** Together, search the Internet for aquariums that have webcams through which you can watch the animals swimming in their exhibits.